



Harbor's Beacon

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Anchored in the Word

Growing through Worship and Prayer

Sharing the Joy of God's Love for All

Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church

1204 L Ave.

Milford, Iowa



Charly's 2 Cents

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Diversity and Unity

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Ephesians 4:7

To illustrate the Trinity, some have suggested a three-leaf clover; others offer the three points on a triangle.

Some say the three forms of water—liquid, ice, steam—reveal the essence of “three-in-one.” But all these suggestions fail to illustrate the biblical notion of the Trinity's diversity within unity.

Interestingly, in a passage where Paul refers to the members of the Trinity—one Spirit, one Lord, one God the Father (Ephesians 4:4-6) he illustrated diversity and unity. The members of the Trinity are in unity, yet they are diverse in their ministry. And Paul uses that illustration to appeal to unity among Christians. We are called to be unified as a Body of believers, yet we are also called to manifest the unique grace given to us as a gift. The human body is a unity, yet all its parts are diverse. And so is the Body of Christ.

Are you blending your unique trace-gifts into the Body of Christ in a manner that strengthens the unity of the Church?

Each has a unique position in the body of Christ, with an ability to minister as no one else can.

John MacArthur

From Turning Point Devotions

Church Council Communication
Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church Council

March 12, 2019

The Council Meeting of Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church was held on March 12, 2019. President Denny Struck called the meeting to order at 7 pm. The following members were present: President Denny Struck, Secretary Linda Johnson, Treasurer Karen Sunde and council members Elmer Lubinus, Dale Gehrels, Scott Berry, and Dean Ramsey. Members absent were Treasurer Financial Secretary Kristi Peck, Vice President Barb Rohlf, and Lynne Koelling. Devotions and prayer by Karen Sunde.

*The Secretary's report and Treasurer/ Financial report were approved as read.

Pastor Call Committee Report

Tim Voth and Craig Nissen have been interviewed as candidates for pastor position.

Pastor Tim Voth will preach at morning service March 17th and Pastor Craig will preach and visit with congregation that same evening on March 17th at 5 pm.

Property Committee

Discussion on sound system, ADA bathroom, and map wall will be on the agenda.

Final payment on parking lot waiting for spring.

Due to problems with Charly's computer, discussion was held on updates needed on all three computers. Nick Fear has been contacted to work on the computers. Elmer made a motion that we upgrade church computer systems with a maximum of \$1600 allotted. Linda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Memorial Team

Discussion on request for purchasing a perpetual light for church. Property Committee will be making future decision.

Staff Support

Thanks to Bob, Charly, and everyone helping HOJ continue during the vacancy and transition time. All is greatly appreciated.

Missions/Benevolence Team

Pray for mission teams.

Sherry Gozi from Sibley will be here May 12th to update us on their mission work.

Promotion/Media:

Thank you to Barb for keeping us in the shopper with ads.

Parish Education for Youth

Joy kids/Joy us going well. Last day is April 25th.

Summer Bible School Director needed

Adult Discipleship/Small groups

Bible study group with leaders Patti Thayer and Patt Gehrels will start again after Easter.

Sunday 6 pm Ray VanderLaan Holy Land Study started February 10th.

Special thanks to Patt Gehrels for the numerous prayer chain prayers.

Fellowship Team

Dean will continue Wednesday night monthly suppers/special events on 4th Wednesday at 6 pm

Don't forget we are also having "Movie night" on the second Monday of each month at 6:30.

Thanks to Bobbi Berry for her work organizing and getting our kitchen teams formed.

Team 1 will be first half of alphabet with leaders being Bobbi Berry and Linda Johnson

Team 2 will be last half of alphabet with leaders being Bev Naape and Karen Sunde

Nursing Home Ministry

Linda and Nancy finished another round of Heaven Bible Study at Accura Care Center finishing with a "Heavenly Banquet" celebrating the assurance of the gift of Heaven waiting for believers.

Thanks to all the extra people like Bobbi Berry and Karen Weber that are donating their own time to see shut ins and visiting nursing homes. Special thanks to Joy Us for their beautiful gifts and visits to the nursing home. Residents LOVE seeing them.

Worship Team

Worship Pulpit Supply Schedule * as needed

March 3- Mike Maffin

March 10-Patti Griffiths

March 17-Tim Voth morning service, Craig Nissen 5 pm service

March 24-John Jensen

March 31-Jeff Griffith

April 7-Rick Porter

rest of April is open(check wall calendar in hallway for updates)

Easter will be one service at 9:30 on April 21st with a Choir Contata "Forever Free" with no communion. Coffee and rolls following the service!

Lenten Services start March 6th on Ash Wednesday until Easter April 21st.

Soup suppers will be 5:15/ Worship at 6:15/ Choir Practice 7:00/ following worship

Old Business:

Annual meeting will be April 28th. Get reports to Charly by April 12th.

New Business

Next meeting is April 9, 2019 at 7pm. Devotion: Denny

The meeting closed with Lord's prayer.

Linda Johnson Secretary

We have been busy this winter and last fall! Things that we have done: the parking lot is repaved and painted, the trees by the bell tower have been removed and we have been busy getting estimates to improve the sound system and upgrade the bathrooms to make them ADA compliant. A schedule has also been set to change furnace filters regularly. Once the weather gets warmer there is also a compressor to check in one of the air conditioning units. There has been discussion to redo the kitchen and landscaping around building but nothing further than discussion at this point. Thank you all who are on the committee for all your hard work and dedication!

In Christ, Terry

We had a very short meeting in the library to discuss the bids for the sound system and making the restrooms ADA compliant. Tom has gotten the bid for the bathrooms and thinks that we can lower this and will check with the contractor to get a final estimate to present at the congregational meeting in April. Steve has the final estimate for the sound system upgrade and that also will be presented at the meeting in April.

In Christ,

Terry

KIDS R # 1

Joy Us

The JoyUs community service project for the month was to recognize the police forces in the area and the Dickinson County Sheriff's office. The students made bags of goodies for each of the 24 officers, and presented them to Deputy Tony Petersen when he came to speak to the class.

Special thanks to Tony for answering the many questions from the students concerning a wide range of topics. We completed the session with a prayer for Officer Petersen and the other law enforcement officers who protect us every day.

We also invited a wonderful lady to speak to the students about Human Trafficking. She concentrated on the many apps that have been connected to human trafficking, and shared with the kids the dangers of being on those apps. Hopefully this information was a warning for them to be very cautious when using their cell phones, and to always know the person they are communicating with.

The students are now busy helping to make table decorations for the Ecumenical Service being held at Harbor of Joy on April 5th.

We have added Game Time to the JoyUs program. Letting them run off some energy after their snack, has resulted in the students being more focused when its time for the Bible lesson.

If anyone has a Life Skill they would like to share with the students, please contact Dean Ramsey. The students love to do crafts, cooking lessons, field trips, service projects, etc. We are open to hear all ideas.

Also, we are in need of a few people who would be able to volunteer when one of the helpers is unable to be at JoyUs. Please talk to Dean, Patt G, or Karen D, if you can help.

Please continue to pray for these students and their families. JoyKids and JoyUs is the "Sunday School" of Harbor of Joy. The only difference is...it is on Wednesday. God has brought these children to us and may they see the love of the Lord through us. Thank you for your support of this program!



Here is a blurb about the Joy youth for the newsletter .

Wednesday, March 13th, was the rescheduled No Apologies Event at the Clay County Regional Event Center in Spencer. Cherish Center sponsors this outreach program to help prepare jr high and high school students for a successful future by giving them tools to make healthy choices in our sex-charged, drug infused culture. Mike Maffin, Nancy Letcher and Patti Griffiths accompanied eleven of our 6th through 8th grade students to this gathering. The HOJ participants enjoyed themselves and came away with good information.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday April 24th, the Joy Kids/JoyUs Spring program and supper. Please plan to attend. Dinner will start at 5:00 with the program following at about 5:45.



Prayers: Harbor Of Joy, Those who share pulpit supply, Joyce, friend of Carolyn Rossie has cancer, Jill Olger, battling Cancer. Kristina, Deb Hayenga's daughter, Joykids/Us, Nancy Taylor's friend Jo. Pastor Manley, Tim & Sharon Voth's friend, Tobias family were in a MVA, friends of the Maffin's.

Please Notify church office of any shut-ins or anyone ill who would appreciate a visit.

- **Gratitude and Praise:** We can still worship the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
First Sat. of the month: **Men's Breakfast** at Perkins at 7:30 AM.
- **Every Tuesday is Nursing Home Ministry** with Nancy Letcher and Linda Johnson
- **2nd Sunday of each month:** Legion Breakfast at the Legion
- **2nd & 4th Thursday nights of every month** is Community Table dinners. 5:30-7:00PM at Bible Conference Community Center. No cost to you. Everyone welcome.
- **3rd Sunday of every month property Committee meets after church in Library**
- **Every Tuesday Prayer Group at 10:30 AM**
- **All communications for newsletter are due on April 26 .**
- **April 9,** Board And Council Meeting, 7PM

Please sign up for Sunday morning snacks and coffee.

- JoyKids/Us, at 3:30 PM every Wednesday.
- **Choir every Wednesday at 7pm. And Thursday morning at 9:30am**
April 13th choir practice at 9am, Sing at Sibley on 14th. Warm-up 5pm.

Pulpit supply for the future

Mar. 31	Pastor Jeff Griffith
Apr. 3	<u>No supper.</u> Worship video at 6:15P
Apr. 7	Pastor Rick Porter
Apr. 10	Supper at 5:15P; Worship at 6:15P
Apr. 14	Dan Winkowitsch
Apr. 18	Pastor John Jensen
Apr. 19	Dan Winkowitsch
Apr. 21	Pastor John Jensen
Apr. 28	Pastor Rick Porter Annual Congregational Meeting to follow worship.

Ecumenical Services are as follows: All are at 9:30 AM

April 5 Harbor of Joy—Milford

Plan to attend

Last JoyKids/Us for the season is April 24th.

Reminder: Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on April 28th after worship service. Those of you who need to get reports in are asked to have them in to the office by April 12th.

Updated picture books are in. They are \$13.00 each.

Sunday Night Bible Study continues at 5:30p every Sunday evening. You can bring snacks if you wish for the movie of Ray VanderLaan film of the Holy Land. We meet in the Fireside Room.